



CONTRACT ENROLLMENT BOOKLET

MICHIGAN'S SECTION 529 PREPAID TUITION PROGRAM

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THE MET PROGRAM: A SUMMARY

The Michigan Education Trust (MET), Michigan's Section 529 prepaid tuition program allows parents, grandparents, businesses and others to prepurchase undergraduate tuition for a child residing in Michigan at any Michigan public university or college, including 28 public community colleges. There need not be

a relationship between the purchaser and the child. MET also provides benefits if a student chooses to attend a Michigan independent (private) college or university, although it does not cover full tuition at these schools. It is designed to help students and their families save for a future

college education. MET is an important part of Michigan's strong commitment to higher education, students and their families.

Over 67,000 MET contracts have been purchased. Approximately 11,900 students are currently using their MET benefits at Michigan public universities and colleges, Michigan independent (private) colleges and over 890 out-of-state institutions.

MET is a public body created by Michigan's Legislature and administratively housed within the Department of Treasury. MET must operate and finance its activities only through its assets. Only MET, and not the State, controls the assets.

A nine-member Board of Directors with public and private sector members oversees the program. By law, the Board must have representation from the academic, business and/or financial fields.

University and Community College Contracts, and all future contracts offered with similar refund provisions, are termed "Plan D" contracts. All assets from Plan D contracts will secure the University (Full Benefits and Limited Benefits) and Community College Contracts. The ability of MET to pay benefits and provide refunds under the contract is secured by the assets of the plan.

To protect the purchaser and the beneficiary, an actuarial review will be made annually. If the assets pledged to the contract and

future contract payments from similar contracts are not sufficient to maintain MET's actuarial soundness, these assets will be returned to purchasers on a pro-rata basis. See Contract Section 8 for further explanation of this issue.

Eligibility to Enter into a MET Contract

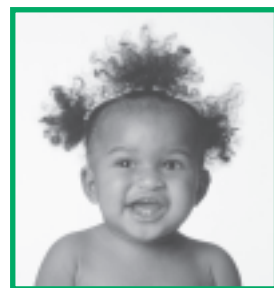
The purchaser and beneficiary must meet all the eligibility criteria to enter into a contract. The purchaser must reside in the United States, and if not a Michigan resident, enrollment in MET will be conditioned upon MET's ability to comply with that state's securities laws. MET contracts cannot be purchased by individuals residing in Arizona, Illinois, New York, North Dakota, Ohio and Vermont.

The purchaser must sign the MET Contract Signature Page and the total contract price must be sent by mail to the MET office, taken to a Treasury office or submitted electronically by enrolling on-line. If the purchaser elects to make monthly purchases, only the processing fee must be submitted with the Contract Signature Page. See Contract Section 3.

Educational Benefits Provided

The University Full Benefits Plan Contract provides in-state tuition and mandatory fees at any Michigan public university or in-district or out-of-district (as defined in the contract) tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public community colleges up to the number of credit hours required for a standard four-year undergraduate baccalaureate degree (usually 120 semester credit hours). Individuals may purchase 1, 2, 3, or 4 years of tuition under this contract, and MET will pay for 30, 60, 90, or 120 credit hours, respectively.

The University Limited Benefits Plan Contract provides in-state tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public universities or in-district or out-of-district (as defined in the contract)



tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public community colleges whose tuition does not exceed 105 percent of the weighted average tuition of all Michigan public four-year universities. This does not exclude a student from attending any Michigan public university or college; however, full tuition will not be provided for those Michigan public universities or colleges whose tuition exceeds 105 percent of the weighted average tuition.

Students who attend a Michigan public university or college where tuition is not fully covered under the Limited Benefits Plan Contract will receive the number of credit hours MET can purchase at the time of college enrollment with 105 percent of the weighted average tuition of all Michigan public four-year universities. For example, in 2002, if a student with a four-year Limited Benefits Plan Contract attends the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MET will pay for 84 credit hours. If that student attends Michigan State University, MET will pay for 108 credit hours. If that student attends Michigan Technological University, MET will pay for 116 credit hours (a standard 4-year baccalaureate degree requires 120 semester credit hours). Individuals may purchase 1, 2, 3 or 4 years of tuition under this contract.

The Community College Plan Contract provides only in-district tuition and mandatory fees at any Michigan public community college. An individual may purchase 1 or 2 years under this contract. Some areas of the State are not within a community college district. Students who attend a community college out of their district will be responsible to pay the difference between the out-of-district and in-district tuition cost.

MET does not cover room, board, books, non-mandatory fees and other expenses.

If a beneficiary attends a Michigan independent (private) college or university, an out-of-state institution, or attends a college/university under a full tuition scholarship, refer to the paragraph entitled "Using MET to Attend Other Colleges" on page 4.

Monthly Purchase Contracts

The purchaser of a monthly purchase contract purchases a percentage of educational benefits with every monthly purchase amount received by MET. The percentage of educational benefits purchased differs based on the number of years over which the purchaser elects to make monthly purchases. See Contract Section 3(g). The rate of return assumed will be 8.0 percent per year.

A purchaser must make monthly purchases as required. The purchaser must pay a \$10.00 late fee for each monthly purchase which is made after the monthly purchase due date. The purchaser must pay the monthly purchase amount and the applicable late fee within 60 days from the scheduled monthly purchase due date or he/she may not continue making monthly purchases.

A purchaser is not obligated to continue making monthly purchases. If a purchaser elects to discontinue making monthly purchases for whatever reason, MET has no legal right to pursue the purchaser to make monthly purchases.

A purchaser who discontinues making monthly purchases will acquire only those educational benefits for which monthly purchases have been accepted by MET. The monthly purchases accepted remain with MET until the beneficiary reaches age 18 or graduates from high school. A purchaser may enroll to acquire additional educational benefits during a future enrollment period at the new cost. Monthly purchases can be made by coupon book, payroll deduction or Automatic Clearing House (ACH). Initially a coupon book will be sent and will include a coupon to request payroll deduction or ACH.

Transferring Between Michigan Colleges/Universities

With the University Full Benefits and Limited Benefits Contracts, beneficiaries may attend a Michigan public community college before attending a



Michigan public university. If the beneficiary has four years of educational benefits and the beneficiary attends a Michigan public community college for not more than two academic years or receives an associate degree within two academic years before transferring to a Michigan public university, the beneficiary will be entitled to the number of additional credit hours required to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree. This will apply even if all credit hours at the



community college do not transfer to the Michigan public university. This does not apply if the beneficiary has less than four years of educational benefits or if the beneficiary transfers to a

Michigan public university after attending more than two academic years at a Michigan public community college, unless the beneficiary of four years of educational benefits receives an associate degree within two academic years. In those cases, the beneficiary will receive only the credit hours remaining under the contract. Transfers among all Michigan public institutions are permitted. See Contract Section 2.

Use of Educational Benefits

The purchaser must specify on the contract the academic year the beneficiary is expected to begin college pursuant to the schedule on page 13. That date determines the time period in which the beneficiary will have to use the educational benefits.

The beneficiary must notify MET when he or she is ready to begin college. A student handbook which contains the forms and instructions for activating a MET contract is sent to eligible beneficiaries in the spring of their senior year of high school. See Contract Section 5.

A beneficiary who advances through high school at an accelerated pace may use his/her educational benefits early. Documentation of the

beneficiary's acceleration is required by MET. A beneficiary has nine years from the beginning of the academic year specified in the contract to use all educational benefits under the contract. Failure to completely exercise his or her rights under the contract within nine years will result in the contract termination and a refund of only the contract price MET received minus the value of educational benefits or refund previously received. See Contract Sections 5 and 8.

Contract Transferability to Other Family Members

MET recognizes the importance of the ability to transfer all or a portion of the contract benefits. Under certain conditions, educational benefits may be transferred to an immediate family member as defined by the contract. However, educational benefits may not be transferred if more than one-half of the credit hours required for the awarding of a four-year baccalaureate degree have been earned by the beneficiary at a Michigan public university. To protect MET, the transfer will be subject to an additional contract payment if the new beneficiary is older than the original beneficiary and the new beneficiary was ineligible to purchase the contract in the year the contract was purchased. No payment of any type can be made to anyone, except MET, for transfer of a contract. See Contract Section 6.

Using MET to Attend Other Colleges

To provide purchasers and beneficiaries flexibility, the contract provides detailed termination and refund provisions. If the beneficiary chooses to go to an out-of-state college or to a Michigan independent (private) college or university, MET does not provide full tuition at those institutions and, to that extent, the right to educational benefits will end. See Contract Section 7 and the Termination Refund Provisions chart on pages 14 & 15.

When students with a Full Benefits Plan Contract choose to attend a Michigan independent (private) college or university and direct the refund to the institution, MET will make refund payments based on the weighted

average tuition of all Michigan public four-year universities. When students choose to attend an out-of-state college and direct the refund to the institution, or when students receive a full-tuition scholarship, refund payments will be based on the average tuition of all Michigan public four-year universities. Students choosing not to attend college will receive refund payments based on the Michigan public four-year university with the lowest tuition.

When students with a Limited Benefits Plan Contract choose to attend a Michigan independent (private) college or university and direct the refund to the institution, MET will make refund payments based on the weighted average tuition of Michigan public four-year universities whose tuition does not exceed 105 percent of the weighted average tuition of all Michigan public four-year universities. Students choosing to attend an out-of-state college, who receive a full-tuition scholarship or who choose not to attend college will receive refund payments based on the Michigan public four-year university with the lowest tuition.

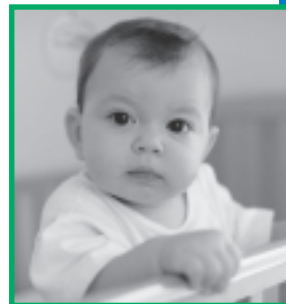
When students with a Community College Plan Contract choose to attend a Michigan public university or a Michigan independent (private) college or university and direct the refund to the institution, MET will make refund payments based on the weighted average tuition of Michigan's public community colleges. When students choose to attend an out-of-state college and direct the refund to the institution or when students receive a full tuition scholarship, refund payments will be based on the average tuition of

Michigan public community colleges. Students not attending college will receive refund payments based on the Michigan public community college with the lowest tuition.



Termination Refund Provisions

Use the chart on pages 14 & 15 to see the conditions under which refunds can be made. In accordance with the MET law, refund amounts are determined in the year the contract is terminated. Under the Full and Limited Benefits Contracts, the refund amounts do not change to reflect tuition increases after the first year the contract is terminated. Under the Community College Contract, the refund amounts may be adjusted when a student attends a college/university.



Loss of Refunds

The most significant restriction on termination of the MET contract is a provision in the law which prohibits termination if the beneficiary has earned more than one-half of the credit hours necessary to receive a four-year baccalaureate degree at a Michigan public four-year university. For example, if the beneficiary has a contract for one or two years of educational benefits and plans to use it for the junior or senior year in college, the beneficiary cannot terminate that contract after completing more than 60 semester credit hours at a Michigan public four-year university, even though the contract is unused and the beneficiary wants a refund. See Contract Section 7.

Other reasons a beneficiary may lose the right to request a refund include fraudulently stating information in the contract or neither using the contractual educational benefits nor receiving a full refund within nine years from the beginning of the academic year specified in the contract. See Contract Section 8.

Responsibility for Academic Achievement

While this summary outlines many of the responsibilities of the purchaser and beneficiary, the most important responsibility is the obligation of academic achievement. Educational benefits under MET

contracts are conditioned upon the beneficiary's acceptance at a Michigan public college or university. MET does not guarantee acceptance.

Tax Issues

This tax discussion is included for general information only. Consult a tax advisor for advice on how the purchaser/beneficiary might be specifically affected as a result of program participation.

State Income Tax Deduction

A purchaser may deduct the amount paid for a contract from taxable income when determining Michigan income tax for the year in which the contract is purchased.

Federal and State Income Tax Matters

MET is a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Starting January 1, 2002, MET benefits used to pay college tuition and mandatory fees are exempt from federal and Michigan income taxes. If, however, a MET contract is terminated and the refund is not used to pay qualified higher education expenses, contract "earnings" (the value of the refund over the amount paid for the corresponding portion of the contract) could be subject to federal and Michigan income taxes and

a 10% federal excise tax.

The person receiving the refund will be responsible for those taxes.

Unless extended by Congress, this federal tax exemption, like all tax changes made by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief

Reconciliation Act of

2001, is scheduled to expire at the end of 2010.

The Hope Scholarship credit allows a credit against federal income tax of up to \$1,500 each year for qualified tuition and fees paid for the first two years of a student's post-secondary education. The Lifetime Learning credit allows a

credit against federal income taxes equal to 20% of tuition and fees paid on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or any dependent.

MET benefits may not be used for the same expenses for which a Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Credit is claimed.

You may purchase a MET contract and contribute to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) in the same year without penalty.

These descriptions of the Hope Scholarship Credit, Lifetime Learning Credit and Coverdell ESA are not exhaustive, therefore, you should consult with a tax advisor concerning specific questions on how the federal tax law may affect you.

Federal Gift Tax Return

A contract purchase constitutes a gift from the purchaser to the beneficiary, other than a purchaser. That gift does not require payment of any federal tax until the purchaser has made lifetime gifts in excess of the unified credit amount. (In 2002 and 2003, that amount is \$1,000,000 for an individual.) The purchaser must file a Federal Gift Tax Return (Form 709) for the year the contract is purchased. A special election exists that allows the contributor to elect to prorate the entire taxable gift amount that exceeds the annual "present interest" gift tax exclusion limit, allowing the contributor to have the contribution treated as if prorated over a five-year period.

Financial Aid

The purchase of a MET contract, like any other investment that is made in a child's name, will have an effect on the child's ability to receive various forms of financial aid. Currently, financial aid eligibility is based on a number of factors, including a family's size, income, assets and the age of the parents. It cannot be determined what effect a



MET contract may have on future financial aid eligibility until the beneficiary actually applies for financial aid. There are three major sources of financial aid—federal government, state government and colleges and universities. Each entity has different rules regarding financial aid eligibility. Before a decision to purchase a MET contract is made, the purchaser may wish to check with these entities regarding how it affects financial aid eligibility.

Impact on Medicaid Eligibility

Purchasing a MET contract could adversely impact your eligibility for federal and state health care assistance programs and, in particular, Medicaid long term care assistance. When determining Medicaid eligibility, it is probable that Medicaid authorities will consider the MET contract to be the purchaser's "available" asset for up to 36 months after the contract's purchase.

MET's Privacy Policy

The Michigan Education Trust collects nonpublic personal information about contract purchasers, appointees, and beneficiaries from the following sources:

- Information we receive from applications or other forms
- Information about your transactions with us

We do not disclose any non-public personal information to anyone except companies that perform marketing or administrative services on our behalf, the Michigan Education Savings Program, or as required by law.

MET restricts access to your personal and account information to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. MET maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your non-public personal information.

MET: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How does MET pay for future tuition?

Purchasers buy a contract for tuition for a certain number of years. The State's experienced money managers at the Department of Treasury invest the funds. Currently the funds are conservatively invested in 30% equities and 70% bonds. MET uses the funds and investment earnings to pay MET beneficiaries' tuition costs and mandatory fees.

2. Who manages the MET fund investments?

The Department of Treasury, Bureau of Investments, manages MET's investments. These professionals have successfully managed the state's \$44 billion pension system, which is the 12th largest public pension system in the nation and the 27th largest pension system in the world.

3. Are MET purchases made with pre-tax or after-tax dollars?

When purchasing a MET contract you are using after-tax dollars. Pre-tax contributions are usually reserved for 401(k) types of retirement plans.

4. Must a student use his or her MET contract immediately after high school graduation?

No. A student has nine years from the expected academic year to use all credit hours or completely receive a refund.

5. Can MET students attend any Michigan public university or college?

Yes. MET benefits can be used at the Michigan public university or college of their choice. However, the student must meet that institution's regular admission standards and be accepted as a





student. MET does not guarantee that a student will be admitted to a Michigan public university or college or be admitted to a particular university or college.

6. What are the mandatory fees?

Mandatory fees are those required to be paid by all students attending a particular university/college. Application fees, contact hour fees and fees which are course specific (such as lab fees for science and computer classes, etc.), or fees assessed based on the number of credit hours enrolled are not covered. Also, MET does not pay for room and board or books.

7. What if my student's major requires more than 120 credit hours?

There are some standard four-year baccalaureate degrees which require more than 120 credit hours. A student may submit a Notice to Declare a Major Area of Study form to MET in his or her junior or senior year in college. MET will verify the number of additional credit hours to be covered, if any, consistent with the contract requirements for a standard four-year baccalaureate degree. If MET pays for courses that are repeated to improve a student's grade point average or for incomplete, failed or withdrawn classes, they will count against the total number of credit hours allowed under the contract. MET does not cover the cost of contact hours (hours spent with the instructor).

8. Can credit hours be applied to Graduate School or Advanced Programs?

MET contracts are designed to cover undergraduate courses. However, if a student graduates from college and has credit hours remaining on his or her MET contract, they may use them toward graduate school or an advanced program at a Michigan public university or college at the undergraduate tuition rate.

9. Will MET cover tuition for a student that moves out-of-state after a contract has been purchased but wants to attend a Michigan public college or university?

Under the Full and Limited Benefits Contracts, MET provides payment of in-state undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees at a Michigan public university. Each university determines residency

requirements. A student who moves out of the state of Michigan after the contract has been purchased and still wishes to utilize the tuition benefits may do so. In such cases, if the university deems the student an out-of-state resident, MET will provide in-state tuition and mandatory fees and the student will be responsible to pay the difference between the out-of-state and in-state tuition costs directly to the university.

10. What if a student decides not to attend college?

It is hoped that all students will remain in the program and use their tuition benefits at a Michigan public institution. However, some students will not attend college and will separate from the program. Therefore, refund and transfer options are available.

When a student reaches 18 years of age or receives a high school diploma, the student has the option of transferring the contract to an immediate family member or terminating the contract to obtain a refund paid to the refund designee.

11. What if my student receives a full scholarship?

If a beneficiary receives a full tuition scholarship he or she may terminate the contract and the refund designee will receive a refund of the average tuition. A full scholarship must be: equivalent to the contract years purchased, for example, the student owns a 2-year contract and is awarded a 2-year scholarship; a 4-year tuition scholarship; a 2-year community college scholarship; or a 1-year scholarship renewable for four years.

12. What if my student receives a partial or Merit Award Scholarship?

Students who receive partial tuition scholarships, grants, or other types of tuition assistance (including faculty/employee benefits paid by a public institution) may not need all of the educational benefits provided under the MET contract. The institution should invoice MET for all credit hours for which a student enrolls. Any excess amount should be refunded to the student by the institution.

13. Who can terminate a MET contract?

Only a student who is at least 18 years of age or has obtained a high school diploma may



terminate a contract. Therefore, neither a parent nor a purchaser can terminate a MET contract for any reason. The only exception is if the student has died or becomes learning disabled.

14. If I terminate my contract will I receive a lump sum refund?

Pursuant to the MET statute, termination refunds are made in four annual installments for the Full or Limited Benefits Contract if terminating to attend an out-of-state college, receive a full scholarship or not attend college.

If terminating a Community College Contract refunds are made in two annual installments. A lump sum refund is provided upon death or learning disability of the beneficiary. See the Termination Refund Provisions Chart on pages 14 and 15.

15. What if a Purchaser dies?

If a purchaser of a lump sum contract dies the executor of the estate should submit a copy of the death certificate, last will and testament and a letter of authority from Probate Court. If a purchaser dies without a will, the executor should contact the MET office.

The executor of the estate can add an appointee to the contract and change the refund designee, if necessary. However, if the beneficiary is the refund designee, a change is not allowed.

If a purchaser of a monthly purchase contract in payment status dies, the total monthly purchases received remain with MET until the beneficiary is 18 years old or graduates from high school. The estate may pay the contract in full or another person may purchase another contract.

16. What if a Purchaser divorces?

Only one person can be named on the Contract Signature Page as a purchaser. Once the contract

is accepted by MET the contract belongs to the beneficiary. If the purchaser is named as the refund designee, he or she will retain the right to a refund if the beneficiary decides

not to attend college or the right to change the refund designee, if desired.

17. Do any other states offer a similar program?

Michigan was the first state to adopt a prepaid tuition program, however, 19 states have adopted similar prepaid programs and 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted college savings programs. For more information on states with similar programs you may call the College Savings Plans Network at 1-877-CSPN-4-YOU (1-877-277-6496) or you may obtain information on the Internet at www.collegesavings.org.

18. Does the State of Michigan offer any other education savings programs?

The Michigan Education Savings Program (MESp) was opened in November 2000. MESp offers three investment options to encourage families to save for higher education. Savings may be used for tuition, fees, room and board. For more information visit the web site at www.misaves.com or call toll free at 1-877-861-MESP.

19. Can a MET contract be rolled over to another Sec. 529 Program?

The beneficiary could roll over MET funds to another 529 program once they reach age 18 or graduate from high school for their own benefit or immediate family member.

20. Is there a telecommunications device for the speech/hearing impaired?

Yes. The Department of Treasury TTY number is (517) 636-4999.



MORE QUESTIONS?
CALL 1-800-MET-4-KID
(1-800-638-4543) OR VISIT
www.michigan.gov/treasury
(click on Education)

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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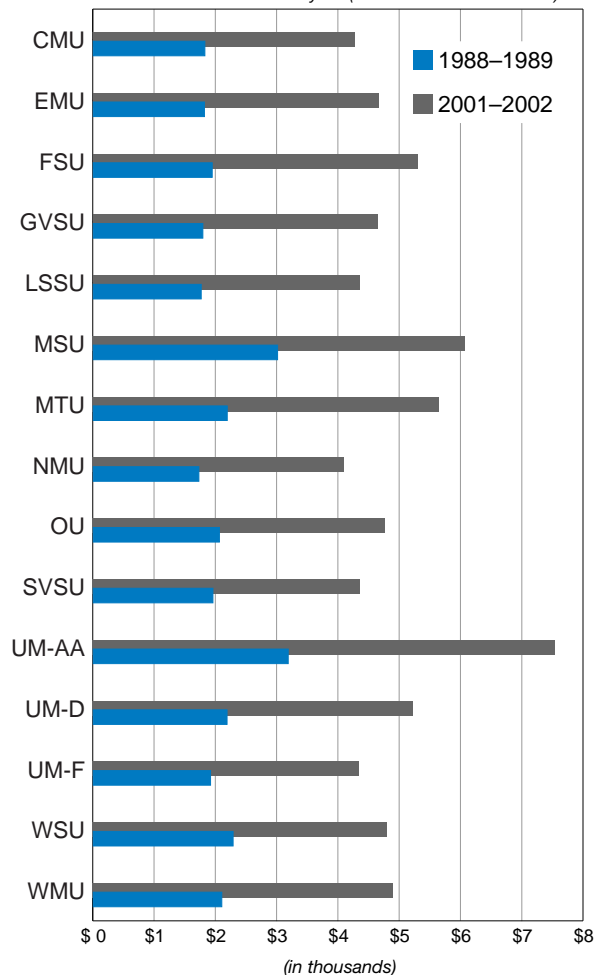
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TUITION & MANDATORY FEES AT MICHIGAN PUBLIC 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

1988–1989 2001–2002

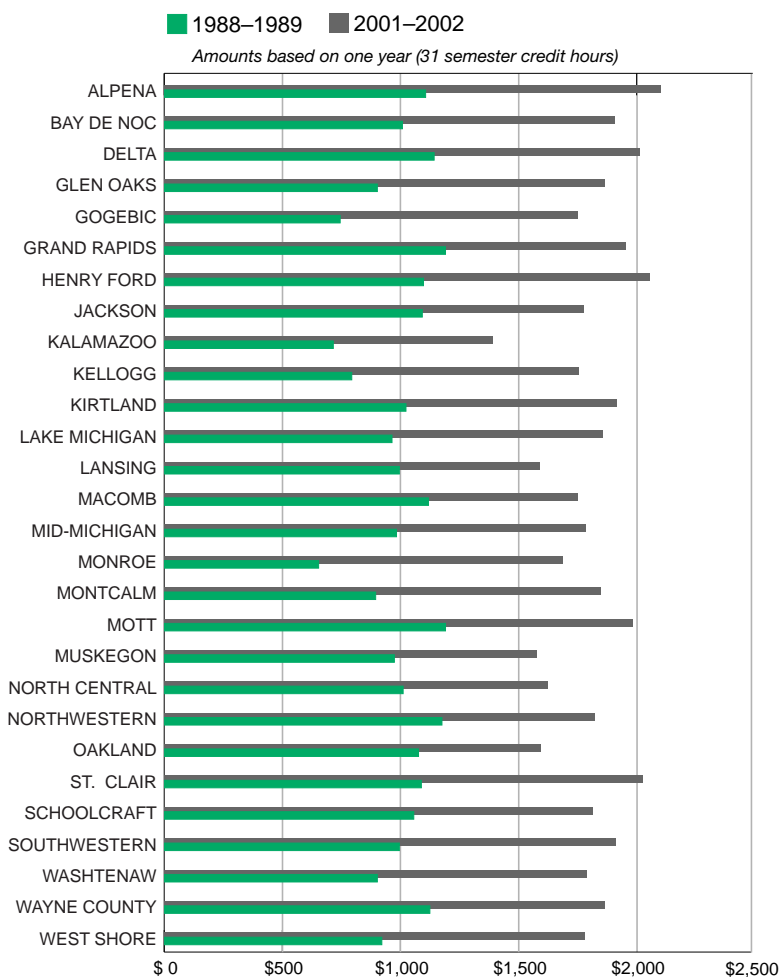
CMU	Central Michigan University	\$1,827	\$4,247
EMU	Eastern Michigan University	1,820	4,753
FSU	Ferris State University	1,947	5,328
GVSU	Grand Valley State University	1,794	4,764
LSSU	Lake Superior State University	1,767	4,334
MSU	Michigan State University	3,017	6,118
MTU	Michigan Technological University	2,193	5,773
NMU	Northern Michigan University	1,729	4,172
OU	Oakland University	2,065	4,795
SVSU	Saginaw Valley State University	1,959	4,451
UM-AA	University Of Michigan-Ann Arbor	3,191	7,560
UM-D	University Of Michigan-Dearborn	2,190	5,281
UM-F	University Of Michigan-Flint	1,920	4,391
WSU	Wayne State University	2,289	4,820
WMU	Western Michigan University	2,104	4,901

Amounts based on one year (31 semester credit hours)



TUITION & MANDATORY FEES AT MICHIGAN PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

	1988–1989	2001–2002		1988–1989	2001–2002
Alpena	\$1,103	\$2,221	Mid-Michigan	\$980	\$1,792
Bay De Noc	1,005	1,896	Monroe	651	1,689
Delta	1,139	2,062	Montcalm	892	1,857
Glen Oaks	899	1,844	Mott	1,187	1,983
Gogebic	742	1,708	Muskegon	971	1,580
Grand Rapids	1,187	1,950	North Central	1,008	1,637
Henry Ford	1,094	2,087	Northwestern	1,172	1,847
Jackson	1,089	1,832	Oakland	1,073	1,629
Kalamazoo	713	1,403	St. Clair	1,085	2,018
Kellogg	791	1,759	Schoolcraft	1,053	1,817
Kirtland	1,020	1,924	Southwestern	992	1,891
Lake Michigan	961	1,875	Washtenaw	899	1,813
Lansing	992	1,605	Wayne County	1,121	1,879
Macomb	1,115	1,766	West Shore	918	1,793



2003 PRICE /ACADEMIC YEAR CHART

MET LUMP SUM CONTRACTS

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Full Benefits	\$6,063	\$12,126	\$18,189	\$24,252
Limited Benefits	\$4,884	\$9,768	\$14,652	\$19,536
Community College	\$1,730	\$3,460	N/A	N/A

A Lump Sum Full Benefits Contract can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 8 and below. A Lump Sum Limited Benefits or Lump Sum Community College Contract can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 10 and below. The lump sum cost is the same for eligible beneficiaries regardless of age or grade.

MET MONTHLY PURCHASE CONTRACTS

4 YEAR PURCHASE PLAN MONTHLY PURCHASE AMOUNT

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Full Benefits	\$148	\$296	\$444	\$592
Limited Benefits	\$119	\$238	\$357	\$476
Community College	\$42	\$84	N/A	N/A

7 YEAR PURCHASE PLAN MONTHLY PURCHASE AMOUNT

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Full Benefits	\$95	\$190	\$285	\$380
Limited Benefits	\$77	\$154	\$231	\$308
Community College	\$27	\$54	N/A	N/A

10 YEAR PURCHASE PLAN MONTHLY PURCHASE AMOUNT

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
Full Benefits	\$74	\$148	\$222	\$296
Limited Benefits	\$60	\$120	\$180	\$240
Community College	\$21	\$42	N/A	N/A

Monthly purchase Full Benefits, Limited Benefits and Community College Contracts can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 8 and below.

Monthly purchase contracts must be completely paid before the beneficiary is expected to enter college. Four-year monthly purchase plans can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 8 and below; 7-year monthly purchase plans can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 5 and below; and 10-year monthly purchase plans can be purchased for beneficiaries in grades 2 and below. The monthly purchase cost is the same for eligible beneficiaries regardless of age or grade.

PROCESSING FEE**CONTRACTS POSTMARKED BETWEEN****FEE**

January 2, 2003 and March 31, 2003	\$25.00
April 1 and June 30, 2003	\$55.00
July 1 and August 30, 2003	\$85.00

NOTE: Contracts will not be accepted from September 1 through October 31, 2003.

ACADEMIC YEAR BENEFICIARY/CHILD IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND COLLEGE

AGE	ACADEMIC YEAR	*GRADE	ACADEMIC YEAR	*GRADE	ACADEMIC YEAR
Newborn (Dec. 1, 2002 or after)	2021	4 or older and not in school	2016	5	2010
				6	2009
Newborn (before Dec. 1, 2002)	2020	K	2015	7	2008
		1	2014	8	2007
1	2019	2	2013	9	2006
2	2018	3	2012	10	2005
3	2017	4	2011		

* Please use grade in school as of September 2002.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**UNIVERSITIES**

Central Michigan University
 Eastern Michigan University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Lake Superior State University
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Technological University
 Northern Michigan University
 Oakland University
 Saginaw Valley State University
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
 University of Michigan-Dearborn
 University of Michigan-Flint
 Wayne State University
 Western Michigan University

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Alpena Community College
 Bay De Noc Community College
 Delta College
 Glen Oaks Community College
 Gogebic Community College
 Grand Rapids Community College
 Henry Ford Community College
 Jackson Community College
 Kalamazoo Valley
 Community College
 Kellogg Community College
 Kirtland Community College
 Lake Michigan College
 Lansing Community College
 Macomb Community College
 Mid-Michigan Community College
 Monroe County Community College
 Montcalm Community College
 Mott Community College
 Muskegon Community College
 North Central Michigan College
 Northwestern Michigan College
 Oakland Community College
 St. Clair County Community College
 Schoolcraft Community College
 Southwestern Michigan College
 Washtenaw Community College
 Wayne County
 Community College
 West Shore Community College

TERMINATION REFUND PROVISIONS*

Reason	Full Benefits Contract
ATTENDS MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT (PRIVATE) COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTS PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE.	Weighted average tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Paid as necessary to cover tuition and mandatory fees.
ATTENDS OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTION AND DIRECTS PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE.	Average tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Four annual installments paid as necessary to cover tuition.
RECEIVES A FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP.	Average tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.
BENEFICIARY DIES OR BECOMES DISABLED.	Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Lump sum paid within 60 days to the person specified in the contract.
BENEFICIARY DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE.	Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**
ATTENDS MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT (PRIVATE) COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OR OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTION BUT DOES NOT DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE.	Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.
ATTENDS A MICHIGAN PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE.	Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Payment is directed to the college to cover tuition and mandatory fees. Any remaining amount is refunded at the end of the fourth year to the person specified in the contract.
ANY OTHER REASON.	Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities. Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**
ATTENDS A MICHIGAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTS PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY.	N/A
ATTENDS A MICHIGAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY BUT DOES NOT DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY.	N/A

* In accordance with the MET law, refund amounts are determined in the year the contract is terminated. Under the Full and Limited Benefits Contracts, the refund amounts do not change to reflect the tuition increases after the first year the contract is terminated. Under the Community College Contract, the refund amounts may be adjusted when a student attends a college/university.

** A \$100 termination fee is deducted from the first refund installment.

Limited Benefits Contract

Community College Contract

Weighted average tuition of Michigan four-year public universities whose tuition costs do not exceed 105% of weighted average.
Paid as necessary to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

Weighted average tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid as necessary to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Four annual installments paid as necessary to cover tuition.

Average tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid as necessary to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.

Average tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Lump sum paid within 60 days to the person specified in the contract.

Lowest tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Lump sum paid within 60 days to the person specified in the contract.

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**

Lowest tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.

Lowest tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Payment is directed to the college to cover tuition and mandatory fees. Any remaining amount is refunded at the end of the fourth year to the person specified in the contract.

N/A

Lowest tuition of Michigan public four-year universities.
Four annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**

Lowest tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.**

N/A

Weighted average tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid as necessary to cover tuition and mandatory fees.

N/A

Lowest tuition of Michigan community colleges.
Two annual installments paid to the person specified in the contract.



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These definitions apply to the University and Community College Contracts. The University and Community College Contracts are the same except for Sections 2, 6, and 7.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS OF CONTRACT TERMS

- (a) "Academic Year" means the undergraduate school year consisting of two semesters or three terms or quarters beginning the first semester, term, or quarter after July 15 of any year.
- (b) "Act" means Act No. 316 of Public Acts of 1986, which is Michigan Compiled Law 390.1421 and following provisions.
- (c) "Advance Tuition Payment Fund" means the Plan D advance tuition payment fund.
- (d) "Annual Tuition Cost" means a figure determined by dividing the total in-district Tuition collected by a particular Community College for a year for credit hour courses by the total number of in-district Fiscal Year Equated Students at that particular school for that year.

- (e) "Annual Undergraduate Tuition Cost" means a figure determined by dividing the total in-state undergraduate Tuition collected by a particular State Institution of Higher Education for a year by the total number of in-state Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students at that school for that year.
- (f) "Appointee" means the Person set forth in Item 11 who may be named by the Purchaser to receive correspondence and/or a refund for this Contract.
- (g) "Average Tuition Cost" means an amount determined by adding the Annual Undergraduate Tuition Cost at each State Institution of Higher Education and dividing that result by the total number of State Institutions of Higher Education for University Contracts and an amount determined by adding the Annual Tuition Cost at each Community College and dividing that result by the total number of Community Colleges for Community College Contracts.

(h) “Beneficiary” or “Qualified Beneficiary” means the individual named in Item 1. The Beneficiary must be a Resident when the Contract Signature Page is submitted to MET.

(i) “Board” means the MET Board of Directors.

(j) “Community College” means an educational institution described in Michigan Constitution 1963, Article 8, Section 7.

(k) “Complete Credit Public Educational Institution” means a Public Education Institution whose In-State Tuition Rate or In-District Tuition Rate does not exceed 105 percent of the Weighted Average Tuition Cost of all State Institutions of Higher Education in the Academic Year in which the Beneficiary initially enrolls at the Public Education Institution determined by MET annually.

(l) “Complete Credit State Institution of Higher Education” means a State Institution of Higher Education whose In-State Tuition Rate does not exceed 105 percent of the Weighted Average Tuition Cost of all State Institutions of Higher Education in the Academic Year in which the Beneficiary initially enrolls at a Higher Education Institution determined by MET annually.

(m) “Contract” means this MET Contract.



(n) “Disabled” or “Disability” means a limitation of an individual’s learning ability resulting from an injury or disease which renders the individual

incapable of participating in higher education.

(o) “Fiscal Year Equated Students” means a figure determined for each Community College by dividing one-half of the number of credit hours necessary to receive a 2-year associate degree at that Community College into the number of credit hours for which in-district students were enrolled.

(p) “Higher Education Institution” means a Public Educational Institution, an Independent, Degree-granting College or University or an Out-of-State Institution of Higher Education.

(q) “Immediate Family” means the spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, legally adopted brother or sister, child, legally adopted child, niece, nephew or cousin of the first degree of the Beneficiary.



(r) “Independent, Degree-granting College or University” means a non-profit, non-public, associate or baccalaureate degree-granting higher education institution approved by the State Board of Education and located in the State.

(s) “In-District Tuition Rate” means the Tuition rate charged a student who meets the in-district residency requirements established by a particular Community College.

(t) “In-State Tuition Rate” means the Tuition rate charged a student who meets the in-state residency requirements of a particular State Institution of Higher Education.

(u) “Item” means any of those categories listed as numbers 1–26 on the Contract Signature Page.

(v) “Lowest Tuition Cost” means the lowest annual Tuition rate charged freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors among all annual Tuition rates at any State Institution of Higher Education for University contracts; and the lowest annual Tuition rate charged freshmen and sophomores among all annual Tuition rates at any Community College for Community College Contracts.

(w) “Mandatory Fee” means any fee, other than charges for credit hours, room and board, which a Public Educational Institution requires all students to pay as a condition of enrollment, such as registration fees. Fees which are course specific such as laboratory fees, contact hour charges, and fees based on the number of credit hours enrolled are not covered under this Contract. These examples are not all inclusive of non-mandatory fees.

(x) “MET” means the Michigan Education Trust.

(y) “Monthly Purchase” means the acquisition of educational benefits by the Purchaser of the applicable percent, as specified in Section 3(g) of the Contract.

(z) “Monthly Purchase Amount” means the monthly dollar amount specified by MET for a monthly purchase contract.

(aa) “New Beneficiary” means an individual who is an Immediate Family member to whom Contract rights have been transferred.

(bb) “Out-of-District Tuition Rate” means the Tuition rate charged a student attending a Community College who does not meet the in-district residency requirements established by a particular Community College.

(cc) “Out-of-State Institution of Higher Education” means a non-profit, baccalaureate degree-granting college or university located outside the State.

(dd) “Person” means an individual who is a resident of the United States, or a partnership, trust, association, corporation, or governmental subdivision existing under the laws of the United



States or any state of the United States.

(ee) “Plan” or “Plan D” means this Contract and other Contracts designated as Plan D Contracts.

(ff) “Prepaid Tuition Amount” means, when referring to this Contract the lump sum paid less the processing fee or the accumulated amount of all Monthly Purchase Amounts received by MET under the Contract less the processing fee.

(gg) “Public Educational Institution” means a State Institution of Higher Education or a Community College.

(hh) “Purchaser” means the Person named in Item 6. If the purchaser is a natural Person, he/she must be 18 years of age or older, or a trustee, or a designated custodian or minor under the Michigan Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, or be represented by a court appointed or approved conservator or guardian.

(ii) “Refund Designee” means the person named in Item 16 of the Contract Signature Page.

(jj) “Resident” means an individual who is domiciled in the State.

(kk) “State” means the State of Michigan.

(ll) “State Institution of Higher Education” means a college or university described in Michigan Constitution 1963, Article 8, Section 4, 5 or 6, or any four-year degree-granting institution established by the State in the future as a State Institution of Higher Education.

(mm) “Termination” means a discontinuation of the right to receive educational benefits at a Public Educational Institution.

(nn) “Total Contract Price” means, when referring to this Contract the accumulated amount of all Monthly Purchase Amounts including the processing fee specified in Item 25 of the Contract or, when referring to lump sum contracts which have the Total Contract Price set forth in Item 26 of the contract, the amount in Item 26 of the contract or, if incorrect, the amount that should have been in Item 26.

(oo) “Transfer” means moving Contract rights from the Beneficiary to a New Beneficiary.

(pp) “Tuition” means the undergraduate quarter, term, semester or trimester charges imposed to attend a Public Educational Institution including Mandatory Fees.

(qq) “Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students” means a figure determined for each State Institution of Higher Education by dividing 1/4 of the number of credit hours necessary to receive a four-year baccalaureate degree at that State Institution of Higher Education into the number of credit hours for which in-state undergraduate students were enrolled.

(rr) “Weighted Average Tuition Cost” or the “Weighted Average Tuition Cost of all State Institutions of Higher Education” for University Contracts means the figure arrived by:

- (1) first, multiplying the Annual Undergraduate Tuition Cost at each State Institution of Higher Education by its total number of Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students;
- (2) second, adding the results of subsection (1) for all State Institutions of Higher Education;
- (3) third, dividing the result of subsection (2) by the total number of Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students for all State Institutions of Higher Education.

“Weighted Average Tuition Cost” for Community College Contracts means the figure arrived by:

- (1) first, multiplying the Annual Tuition Cost at each Community College by its total number of Fiscal Year Equated Students;
 - (2) second, adding the results of subsection (1) for all Community Colleges;
 - (3) third, dividing the result of subsection (2) by the total number of Fiscal Year Equated Students for all Community Colleges.
- (ss) “Weighted Average Tuition Cost of Complete Credit State Institutions of Higher Education” means a figure arrived at by:
- (1) first, multiplying the Annual Undergraduate Tuition Cost at each Complete Credit State Institution of Higher Education by its total number of Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students;
 - (2) second, adding the results of subsection (1) for all Complete Credit State Institutions of Higher Education;
 - (3) third, dividing the result of subsection (2) by the total number of Undergraduate Fiscal Year Equated Students for all Complete Credit State Institutions of Higher Education.

UNIVERSITY CONTRACT (FULL AND LIMITED BENEFITS)

SECTION 2. MET’s OBLIGATIONS

(a) Upon MET’s acceptance of the Contract and the Beneficiary’s enrollment at a Public Educational Institution, MET will pay for one-fourth (1/4) of the credit hours required for a four-year baccalaureate degree at the Beneficiary’s Public Educational Institution (for Full Benefits Contracts) or Complete Credit Public Educational Institution (for Limited Benefits Contracts) at the In-State Tuition Rate multiplied by the years of educational benefits acquired by the Purchaser.

(1) MET will stop providing benefits under this Contract when MET has paid the credit hours purchased, regardless of the number of credit hours the Beneficiary has

accumulated toward graduation at his or her Public Educational Institution. The Beneficiary can accumulate fewer credit hours than MET has paid if the Beneficiary drops classes, fails classes, repeats classes, takes classes at another Public Educational Institution which do not transfer to the Beneficiary’s Public Educational Institution or for other reasons. A standard baccalaureate degree usually consists of 120 semester credit hours (or, on average, 30 credit hours each year).

(2) MET will only pay educational benefits and provide refunds under the Contract from the assets of the Plan. The ability of MET to pay benefits and provide refunds under the Contract is not guaranteed by the State of Michigan.



FOR LIMITED BENEFITS CONTRACTS:

(b) If a Beneficiary enrolls at a Public Educational Institution which is not a Complete Credit Public Educational Institution, MET will provide the number of credit hours MET can purchase with 105 percent of the Weighted Average Tuition Cost of all State Institutions of Higher Education based upon the Academic Year at the time of enrollment multiplied by the years of educational benefits acquired by the Purchaser.

(c) If a Beneficiary transfers to another Public Educational Institution, the number of credit hours the Beneficiary will have at the new Public Educational Institution will be determined at the time of transfer by:

- (1) calculating the number of credit hours the Beneficiary is entitled to at the new Public Educational Institution pursuant to subsections (a) or (b), as applicable, as if he

or she were just commencing receiving MET benefits using the Weighted Average Tuition Cost of all State Institutions of Higher Education and the Annual Undergraduate Tuition Cost of the new Public Educational Institution as of the Academic Year the Beneficiary first used MET benefits,

(2) calculating a percent equal to the credit hours already provided by MET for the Beneficiary divided by the total credit hours MET would have provided at that Public Educational Institution,

(3) adding the percent computed under subparagraph (2) for all Public Educational Institutions which the Beneficiary has attended,

(4) multiplying the figure calculated under subparagraph (1) by the percent calculated under subparagraph (3), and

(5) subtracting the amount arrived at in subparagraph (4) from the amount calculated in subparagraph (1).

(d) The Beneficiary must meet the Public Educational Institution's residency requirements to be eligible for that institution's In-State Tuition Rate. The Beneficiary is responsible for the difference between the In-State Tuition Rate and out-of-state Tuition rate. If the Beneficiary attends a Community College, MET will pay, as appropriate, the In-District Tuition Rate or the Out-of-District Tuition Rate (to the extent the Out-of-District Tuition Rate does not exceed the Average Tuition Cost).

(e) If a Beneficiary of a four-year Contract attends a Community College for not more than two Academic Years at the In-District Tuition Rate, he or she may then attend any State Institution of Higher Education and MET will pay for the credit hours necessary for a four-year baccalaureate degree. The

additional number of credit hours allowed will be calculated when the Beneficiary transfers to a State Institution of Higher Education. This

subsection does not apply if the Contract has been terminated.

(f) A Beneficiary of (i) other than a four-year Contract who attends a Community College, or (ii) a four-year Contract who attends a Community College for more than two Academic years may then attend a State Institution of Higher Education, but will only receive the remaining educational benefits under the Contract. This subsection does not apply if the Contract has been terminated.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE

(a) Contract Acceptance: MET has no obligation to the Beneficiary until it accepts this Contract. MET will accept this Contract only after it receives:

(1) a properly completed Contract Signature Page signed by the Purchaser, who must be 18 years of age or older, a designated custodian under the Michigan Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA) (who may name the minor as the purchaser) or a court appointed conservator or guardian, and

(2) payment of a properly calculated Total from Item 26 of the Contract Signature Page. Payment must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or money order payable to Michigan Education Trust.

(b) Confirmation of Acceptance: MET will send a confirmation of Contract acceptance to the Purchaser within 90 days from MET's receipt of the Contract Signature Page. If the Purchaser does not receive confirmation, the Purchaser should notify MET in writing.

FOR LUMP SUM CONTRACTS:

(c) Insufficient Payment: If the Purchaser pays less than the total Prepaid Tuition Amount and one-time processing fee due for this Contract, MET will notify the Purchaser. If MET sends a notice, the Purchaser shall advise MET by mail, return receipt requested, that he or she will do one of the following and, if (1) is selected, enclose payment:



- (1) pay the additional amount necessary to purchase the number of years specified in Item 15 of the Contract Signature Page,
- (2) accept an adjusted amount of educational benefits to reflect what the actual payment submitted could purchase when MET received the payment, or
- (3) withdraw the Contract offer. MET will then return to the Purchaser the amount paid by the Purchaser (without interest).

If MET does not receive instructions and payment (if appropriate) from the Purchaser within 20 business days of the date notice is sent, MET shall reduce the amount of educational benefits consistent with subsection (c)(2).

(d) Payment Credit: Upon acceptance of this Contract, MET shall credit the Advance Tuition Payment Fund with the amount paid less the one-time processing fee.

FOR MONTHLY PURCHASE CONTRACTS:

(e) Monthly Purchase Amounts: If the Monthly Purchase option is selected, the Purchaser will acquire educational benefits by submitting Monthly Purchase Amounts to MET. If MET accepts the Contract, MET will advise the Purchaser of the term of the Contract, the Monthly Purchase Amount, and the dates the Monthly Purchase Amounts are due. Payments must be made in Monthly Purchase Amounts. Partial payments will not be accepted. The Purchaser may submit Monthly Purchase Amounts early, but will not be entitled to any reduction in the Monthly Purchase Amounts.

(f) No Obligation To Purchase: Payment of the Monthly Purchase Amounts by the Purchaser is voluntary. MET cannot compel the Purchaser to acquire educational benefits under this Contract.

(g) Benefits Earned: The Purchaser will acquire educational benefits only for Monthly Purchase Amounts accepted by MET. Each Monthly Purchase Amount accepted by MET

will earn the following percentage of the years of Tuition to be purchased by this Contract:

<u>Contract term</u>	<u>Percent Purchased (Rounded)</u>
4 years	2.08%
7 years	1.19%
10 years	0.83%

(h) Acceptance Of Payment: Upon acceptance of a Monthly Purchase Amount, MET will deposit the Monthly Purchase Amount in the Beneficiary's account.

(i) Late Payments: If a Monthly Purchase Amount is not paid by its due date, MET will accept the payment only if it is made within 60 days of the due date and is accompanied by a \$10.00 late fee.

(j) Failure To Make Payments: If any Monthly Purchase Amount (and any late fee due) is not paid within 60 days of its due date, the Purchaser will lose the opportunity to submit any further Monthly Purchase Amounts under this Contract. Should that occur, the Purchaser has 60 days to pay the Contract in full. Thereafter, MET will not accept any payments under the Contract.



(k) Full Payment Option: As long as the Purchaser has not lost the opportunity to make monthly purchases under Section 3(j), the Purchaser may pay the Contract in full by submitting all unpaid Monthly Purchase Amounts to MET.

(l) Contract Term: The term of monthly purchases must end before the Academic Year the Beneficiary is projected to attend a Higher Education Institution.

SECTION 4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BENEFITS

A Beneficiary may not accumulate more than four years of MET educational benefits.

SECTION 5. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

(a) A Beneficiary who intends to begin using educational benefits at the start of an Academic Year must notify MET in writing by June 1 prior to that Academic Year.

(b) A Beneficiary who intends to begin using educational benefits other than at the start of an Academic Year must submit a written request to receive benefits at least three months before the requested commencement date.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER

(a) Any unused educational benefits may be transferred, with MET's written approval, to an Immediate Family member, if:

- (1) the Beneficiary dies or becomes Disabled, or
- (2) after reaching 18 years of age or receiving a high school diploma, the Beneficiary certifies that he or she wishes to transfer benefits.

(b) The Beneficiary must request a Transfer. A mentally disabled Beneficiary or a Beneficiary under 18 years of age must be represented by a legal guardian. If the Beneficiary has died, the Refund Designee (or, if the Refund Designee is deceased, the personal representative of the Refund Designee) may request a Transfer. The Transfer shall be subject to:

- (1) payment of a Transfer fee, if any, and
- (2) payment to MET of the amount necessary to reimburse MET for any additional expense or loss of income associated with the Transfer to an older Beneficiary.

If a Contract is transferred to an older Beneficiary who was ineligible for a Contract when the Contract was purchased, the additional amount charged will be:

- (i) the highest Tuition charged at a State Institution of Higher Education among all State Institutions of Higher Education (for Full Benefits Contract)

or a Complete Credit Public Educational Institution (for Limited Benefits Contract) in the 2002–03 Academic Year minus the amount the Purchaser paid for one year of educational benefits;

(ii) add the amount determined in subparagraph (i) to the loss of investment income for the period from the date the Contract was accepted until the date of Transfer. The rate of return assumed will be 8.0 percent per year;

(iii) multiply the amount determined in subparagraph (ii) by the number of years and/or fraction of year being transferred.

(3) the Person requesting the Transfer and the proposed New Beneficiary (or the parent or guardian of the New Beneficiary if the New Beneficiary is a minor) must certify in writing that no payment has been or will be made to anyone (except MET) for the Transfer.

(c) No Transfer will be authorized if the Beneficiary has completed more than one-half (1/2) of the credit hours required for the awarding of a baccalaureate degree by the Beneficiary's State Institution of Higher Education.

SECTION 7. TERMINATION AND REFUNDS

(a) Reasons For Termination: This Contract may be terminated upon written request to MET by the Beneficiary (or a Person with legal authority to act regarding subsection (a) (4)) if:

(1) the Beneficiary has reached 18 years of age or has received a high school diploma and certifies that he or she will attend an Independent Degree-granting College or University and directs payment of any refund to that institution,

(2) the Beneficiary has reached 18 years of age or has received a high school diploma and certifies that he or she will attend an Out-of-State Institution of Higher Education,

(3) the Beneficiary has reached 18 years of age or has received a



high school diploma and certifies that he or she will attend a Higher Education Institution with a full tuition scholarship,

(4) the Beneficiary has died or is Disabled,

(5) the Beneficiary has reached 18 years of age or has received a high school diploma and certifies one of the following:



(i) he or she does not plan to attend a Higher Education Institution,

(ii) he or she will attend an Independent Degree-granting College or University, but directs payment of the refund to the Refund Designee, or

(iii) he or she will attend a Community College, or

(6) the Board approves a Termination for any other reason.

(b) Refund Amount:

(1) the refund amount shall be, as appropriate, Weighted Average Tuition Cost, Weighted Average Tuition Cost of Complete Credit State Institutions of Higher Education, Average Tuition Cost, or Lowest Tuition Cost for the last full Academic Year before refund payments begin multiplied by the years of educational benefits acquired by the Purchaser. If all Monthly Purchases have not been made, MET will reduce a Monthly Purchase Contract refund accordingly (determined by multiplying the Monthly Purchases actually made by the appropriate percentage in section 3(g)). Any Termination fee will be deducted from the first refund payment.

FOR FULL BENEFITS CONTRACTS:

(2) if the Contract is terminated pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the refund shall be based on Weighted Average Tuition Cost.

(3) if the Contract is terminated pursuant to subsection (a)(2) or (a)(3), the refund shall be determined annually based on:

(i) if the Beneficiary directs payment to an out-of-state Institution of Higher Education or certifies that he or she will attend a Higher Education Institution with a full tuition scholarship in the coming year, Average Tuition Cost, and

(ii) for Beneficiaries not covered by subsection (b)(3)(i), Lowest Tuition Cost.

(4) if this Contract is terminated pursuant to subsection (a)(4), (a)(5) or (a)(6), the refund shall be based on Lowest Tuition Cost.

FOR LIMITED BENEFITS CONTRACTS:

(5) if the Contract is terminated pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the refund shall be based on Weighted Average Tuition Cost of Complete Credit State Institutions of Higher Education.

(6) for all other terminations, the refund shall be based on Lowest Tuition Cost.

(7) a refund shall not, in total, be less than the Prepaid Tuition Amount.

(c) Refund Payment Procedure:

(1) a refund under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(5)(iii) shall be made to the Beneficiary's Higher Education Institution to pay Tuition and Mandatory Fees. However, the total amount paid shall not exceed the maximum refund due. MET will pay the Refund Designee any portion of the refund remaining on August 15 of the fourth year following the last full Academic year before the refund commenced.

(2) a refund under subsections (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(5)(i), (a)(5)(ii), or (a)(6) shall be divided by four and made in four annual installments as follows:

(i) if an annual installment is to be paid to the Higher Education Institution, the annual installment will be distributed as necessary to pay Tuition. Any installment amounts left after paying Tuition for an Academic Year shall be paid at the end of the Academic Year to the Refund Designee; or



(ii) if payment is directed to the Refund Designee, the annual installment will be paid by August 15.

(3) for a refund under subsection (a)(4), a lump sum refund shall be paid within sixty (60) days after MET's approval of the Termination.

(d) Adjustment for Benefits Received: Any refund shall be reduced by the amount of educational benefits paid by MET before termination. If the Contract is terminated under subsections (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(5)(i) or (ii) or (a)(6), the reduction shall be made in equal amounts against each annual installment.

(e) Terminated Contract: Once a Contract has been terminated and MET has paid a full or partial refund, the Contract cannot be reinstated.

(f) Limitation of Right to Terminate and Receive a Refund: Termination of this Contract and payment of a refund will not be authorized if the Beneficiary has completed more than one-half (1/2) of the credit hours required by the Beneficiary's State Institution of Higher Education for the awarding of a baccalaureate degree. This subsection shall not, however, preclude a graduate of a Community College, who has not enrolled in a State Institution of Higher Education, from terminating a Contract.

(g) Notice of Termination: A Beneficiary who requests a refund under subsections (a)(1), (2), (3), (5) or (6) must give MET written notice by July 15 prior to the Academic Year in which the refund payments are to commence or the refund may not be available at the start of the Academic Year.



SECTION 8. TERMINATIONS BY MET

(a) Fraud: MET will terminate the Contract and refund the amount paid by the Purchaser less a Termination fee and educational benefits used, if any of the following have been fraudulently stated on a Contract Signature Page or otherwise:

(1) the age of the Beneficiary or Purchaser,

(2) the grade of the Beneficiary,

(3) the Academic Year which the Beneficiary is to receive benefits under the Contract,

(4) the residency of the Beneficiary at the time the Contract is submitted to MET, or

(5) other matters as determined by the Board.

(b) NINE YEARS TO USE BENEFITS:

(1) NINE (9) YEARS AFTER THE JULY 15 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ACADEMIC YEAR SPECIFIED IN ITEM 21 OF THE CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE, MET WILL TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT AND WILL NOT PAY ANY FURTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

(2) At that time, MET will pay the Refund Designee the Prepaid Tuition Amount to the extent it exceeds any educational benefits or refund paid under the Contract. MET may pay the refund at the end of the Academic Year in which the Beneficiary has completed all credit hours acquired under the Contract.

(c) Actuarial Unsoundness: To protect Purchasers and Beneficiaries, an actuarial review of the Plan shall be made annually. If a nationally recognized actuary determines that Plan D does not have sufficient funds to ensure the actuarial soundness of the Plan and the Board determines that there are insufficient numbers of new Contracts to ensure the actuarial soundness of Plan D, MET shall terminate all Plan D Contracts and prorate the assets of Plan D among the existing Contracts. If Plan D is liquidated, the amount to be returned is uncertain and could be less than the Prepaid Tuition Amount. Upon Termination pursuant to this subsection, MET will stop providing educational benefits from the Plan and will pay refunds determined as follows:

(1) MET will calculate the Contract's "Asset Value," which is the amount paid by the Purchaser less any educational benefits or refunds paid by MET.



(2) The refund will be a percentage of the amount of the total Plan assets after liquidating all of the Plan investments. The percentage is determined by dividing the Asset Value of this Contract by the Asset Value of all Plan Contracts.

The refund shall be applied, at the option of the Refund Designee, either toward the purposes of this Contract for the Beneficiary or paid to the Refund Designee.

SECTION 9. ANNUAL REPORT

MET will have an accounting of MET assets prepared annually and make it available to the Purchaser.

SECTION 10. CONTRACT NOT SUBJECT TO JUDGMENT OR ATTACHMENT

It is the intent of the parties that this Contract shall not be subject to any judgment or attachment against the Purchaser, the Beneficiary, or any other Person.

SECTION 11. FEES

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTRACT

SECTION 2. MET's OBLIGATIONS

(a) Upon MET's acceptance of the Contract and the Beneficiary's enrollment at a Community College, MET will pay for one-half (1/2) of the credit hours required for a two-year associate degree at the Beneficiary's Community College at the In-District Tuition Rate multiplied by the years of educational benefits acquired by the Purchaser.

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(b) The Beneficiary must meet the Community College's residency requirements to be eligible for that institution's In-District Tuition Rate. The Beneficiary is responsible for the difference between the In-District Tuition Rate and Out-of-District Tuition rate.



SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE

(a) Contract Acceptance: MET has no obligation to the Beneficiary until it accepts this Contract. MET will accept this Contract only after it receives:

(1) a properly completed Contract Signature Page signed by the Purchaser, who must be 18 years of age or older, a designated custodian under the Michigan Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA) (who may name the minor as the purchaser) or a court appointed conservator or guardian, and



(2) payment of a properly calculated Total from Item 26 of the Contract Signature Page. Payment must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or money order payable to Michigan Education Trust.

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FOR LUMP SUM CONTRACTS:

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- (1) pay the additional amount necessary to purchase the number of years specified in Item 15 of the Contract Signature Page,
 - (2) accept an adjusted amount of educational benefits to reflect what the actual payment submitted could purchase when MET received the payment, or
 - (3) withdraw the Contract offer. MET will then return to the Purchaser the amount paid by the Purchaser (without interest).
- If MET does not receive instructions from the Purchaser and, if appropriate, payment

within 20 business days of the date notice is sent, MET shall reduce the amount of educational benefits consistent with subsection (c)(2).

(d) Payment Credit: Upon acceptance of this Contract, MET shall credit the Advance Tuition Payment Fund with the amount paid less the one-time processing fee.

FOR MONTHLY PURCHASE CONTRACTS:

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(f) No Obligation To Purchase: Payment of the Monthly Purchase Amounts by the Purchaser is voluntary. MET cannot compel the Purchaser to acquire educational benefits under this Contract.

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<u>Contract term</u>	<u>Percent Purchased (Rounded)</u>
4 years	2.08%
7 years	1.19%
10 years	0.83%

(h) Acceptance Of Payment: Upon acceptance of a Monthly Purchase Amount, MET will deposit the Monthly Purchase Amount in the Beneficiary's account.

(i) Late Payments: If a Monthly Purchase Amount is not paid by its due date, MET will accept the payment only if it is made within 60 days of the due date and is accompanied by a \$10.00 late fee.

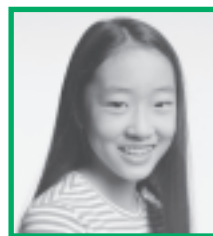
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(k) Full Payment Option: As long as the Purchaser has not lost the opportunity to make payments under Section 3(j), the Purchaser may pay the Contract in full by submitting all unpaid Monthly Purchase Amounts to MET.

(l) Contract Term: The term of monthly purchases must end before the Academic Year the Beneficiary is projected to attend a Higher Education Institution.

SECTION 4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BENEFITS

A Beneficiary may not accumulate more than four years of MET educational benefits.



SECTION 5. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

(a) A Beneficiary who intends to begin using educational benefits at the start of an Academic Year must notify MET in writing by June 1 prior to that Academic Year.

(b) A Beneficiary who intends to begin using educational benefits other than at the start of an Academic Year must submit a written request to receive benefits at least three months before the requested commencement date.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER TO AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER

(a) Any unused educational benefits may be transferred with MET's written approval to an Immediate Family member, if:

- (1) the Beneficiary dies or becomes Disabled, or
- (2) after reaching 18 years of age or receiving a high school diploma, the Beneficiary certifies that he or she wishes to transfer benefits.

(b) The Beneficiary must request a Transfer. A mentally disabled Beneficiary or a Beneficiary under 18 years of age must be represented by a legal guardian. If the Beneficiary has died, the Refund Designee (or, if the Refund Designee is deceased, the personal representative of the Refund Designee) may request a Transfer. The Transfer shall be subject to:

- (1) payment of a Transfer fee, if any, and
- (2) payment to MET of the amount necessary to reimburse MET for any additional expense or loss of income associated with the Transfer to an older Beneficiary.

If a Contract is transferred to an older Beneficiary who was ineligible for a Contract when the Contract was purchased, the additional amount charged will be:

- (i) the highest Tuition charged at a Community College among all Community Colleges in the 2002–03 Academic Year minus the amount the Purchaser paid for one year of educational benefits;
- (ii) add the amount determined in

subparagraph (i) to the loss of investment income for the period from the date the Contract was accepted until the date of Transfer. The rate of return assumed will be 8.0 percent per year;

- (iii) multiply the amount determined in subparagraph (ii) by the number of years and/or fraction of year being transferred.

(3) the Person requesting the Transfer and the proposed New Beneficiary (or the parent or

guardian of the New Beneficiary if the New Beneficiary is a minor) must certify in writing that no payment has been or will be made to anyone (except MET) for the Transfer.

(c) Only a Transfer to an Immediate Family member is allowed.

SECTION 7. TERMINATION AND REFUNDS

(a) Reasons For Termination: This Contract may be terminated upon

written request to MET by the Beneficiary (or a Person with legal authority to act regarding subsection (a) (4)) if:

- (1) the Beneficiary has reached 18 years of age or has received a high school diploma and certifies that he or she will:

- (i) attend a State Institution of Higher Education or an Independent, Degree-granting College or University,
- (ii) attend an Out-of-State Institution of Higher Education, or
- (iii) attend a Community College or Higher Education Institution with a full Tuition scholarship,

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- (4) the Board approves a Termination for any other reason.

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- (1) the refund amount shall be, as appropriate, Weighted Average Tuition Cost, Average Tuition Cost, or Lowest Tuition Cost for the last full Academic Year before refund payments begin multiplied by the years of educational benefits acquired by the Purchaser. If all Monthly Purchases have not been made, MET will reduce a Monthly Purchase Contract



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- (i) if the Beneficiary directs payment to a State Institution of Higher Education or an Independent, Degree-granting College or University, Weighted Average Tuition Cost,
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(3) if this Contract is terminated pursuant to subsection (a)(2), (a)(3) or (a)(4), the refund shall be based on Lowest Tuition Cost.

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(1) a refund under subsection (a)(1)(i) shall be made to the Beneficiary's Higher Education Institution to pay Tuition and Mandatory Fees. However, the total amount paid shall not exceed the maximum refund due.

(2) a refund under subsections (a)(1), (a)(3), or (a)(4) shall be divided by two and made in two annual installments as follows:



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refunds). Any installment amounts left after paying Tuition for an Academic Year shall be paid at the end of the Academic Year to the Refund Designee; or



- (ii) if payment is directed to the Refund Designee, the annual installment will be paid by August 15.

(3) for a refund under subsection (a)(2), a lump sum

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